

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN *WC?*

DATE: December 10, 1963

FROM : MR. D. E. MOORE *DM*~~SECRET~~

cc Mr. Belmont

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Mr. DeLoach

Mr. Sullivan

Mr. Rosen

Mr. D. E. Moore

Mr. Branigan

Mr. Turner

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIAClassified by 2040
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Prior memoranda advised of a story by Gilberto Alvarado Ugarte to the effect that Oswald visited the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City on 9-18-63 and was paid \$6,500 to assassinate President Kennedy. Alvarado subsequently recanted, said the story was false and he had told it in an attempt to cause trouble between the United States and Cuba. Later he again insisted the story was true and that he recanted because of pressure. During latest interview on 12-6-63, Alvarado admits he possibly made an "honest mistake" and CIA polygraph examiner reached conclusion Alvarado a fabricator. Details are as follows: *(u)*

Alvarado was reinterviewed in Mexico City on December 6th with the aid of a polygraph. The interview was conducted by CIA polygraph examiner [redacted] and Legal Attache Anderson was present during the interview. The Legat subsequently advised that on the basis of the polygraph tests, [redacted] reached the conclusion that Alvarado was a fabricator. He noted deceptive responses, particularly in Alvarado's identification of a photograph of Oswald as the person he saw in the Cuban Embassy last September. When questioned regarding this, Alvarado would only admit that possibly he made an "honest mistake" in identifying the person he saw as Oswald. *(u)*

The CIA polygraph examiner has returned to Washington but we have not as yet received the final report of the polygraph interview. CIA has advised that Alvarado admitted he must have been mistaken in saying that he saw Oswald in the Cuban Embassy and he was uncertain of the date when he might have seen someone like Oswald and thought it might have been on a Tuesday which would have been 9-17 rather than 9-18. CIA advised that while the final report of the polygraph interview was not available, the preliminary finding is that Alvarado evidenced deception reactions when talking about Oswald. CIA also advised that Alvarado was being deported to Nicaragua on 12-9-63. *(u)*

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In addition to the interviews indicating Alvarado is lying, our investigation at New Orleans has indicated that Oswald was in New Orleans during the period from 9-17 through 9-25. He has been quite definitely placed in New Orleans on both 9-17 and 19 and his wife has stated that he was in New Orleans on 9-18. *HC*

ACTION

For information. When complete results of the CIA polygraph interview are received they will be carefully reviewed.

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possible -*

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